

**CAMBRIA COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
FULL TEXT OF MEASURE AA-06**

To improve paramedic staffing and upgrade general operations, shall the Cambria Community Healthcare District impose an assessment increase as follows: from \$7 to \$25 flat rate per unimproved parcel and from \$20 to \$85 flat rate per improved parcel per year, on all real property (except that of federal, state, or local governmental agencies) within the district boundaries, annually adjusted by the change in the Consumer Price Index for the Greater Los Angeles Area?

YES

NO

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE AA-06

This measure will determine whether an assessment increase shall be imposed by the Cambria Community Health Care District ("the District") for the purpose of upgrading general district operations and increasing paramedic staffing within the District's boundaries.

The District currently imposes an annual assessment in the amount of a flat rate of \$7.00 per unimproved parcel and a flat rate of \$20.00 per improved parcel on all real property within the boundaries of the District. On July 25, 2006, the District Board determined that it is in the best interests of property owners, residents, and visitors of the District to provide improvements to the general district operations, including, but not limited to, the hiring of additional paramedics. The District Board has determined that due to an escalation in the costs of providing general district operations, the general fund and current assessment can no longer support necessary service improvements. The District has determined that such improvements can only be paid for by an increase in the amount of the assessment currently levied by the District on all improved and unimproved real property within the District.

Article XIII of the California Constitution requires that the imposition, extension or increase of any assessment imposed by the District be approved by two-thirds (2/3's) of the qualified voters of the District. If this measure is approved, the current annual assessment imposed on each parcel of unimproved real property within the District shall increase from a flat rate of \$7.00 to \$25.00, and the current annual assessment imposed on each parcel of improved real property within the District shall increase from a flat rate of \$20.00 to \$85.00. These rates may be adjusted annually based on a change in the Consumer Price Index for the Greater Los Angeles Area.

If approved, the District may provide for the collection of the increased assessment by the San Luis Obispo County Tax Collector in the same manner, along with and at the same time, and subject to the same penalties, as other property taxes collected by the County Tax Collector.

A "Yes" vote on this Measure is a vote in favor of increasing the annual assessment currently levied on each parcel of unimproved real property within the District from a flat rate of \$7.00 to \$25.00, and increasing the annual assessment currently levied on each parcel of improved real property within the District from a flat rate of \$20.00 to \$85.00, for the purpose of improving paramedic staffing and upgrading general operations of the District.

A "No" vote on this Measure is a vote against increasing the annual assessment currently levied on each parcel of unimproved real property within the District from \$7.00 to \$25.00, and increasing the annual assessment currently levied on each parcel of improved real property within the District from \$20.00 to \$85.00, for the purpose of improving paramedic staffing and upgrading general operations of the District.

s/ JAMES B. LINDHOLM, JR.
County Counsel

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE AA-06

The Cambria Community Healthcare District has served the emergency medical needs of the North Coast for over 55 years. During that time the evolution of Emergency Medical Services and population changes to the area have been dramatic.

Because the North Coast is a very large area and hospitals are a long way off the District's primary ambulance can often be committed to a call for an hour or two. Throughout its history the Healthcare District has provided backed up coverage by depending on the availability of local off-duty employees to staff a second ambulance when needed.

Now is a critical time for the District. Due to high housing costs fewer employees live in the area; meaning fewer are able to respond when off-duty to staff a second ambulance. When no one is available the next closest unit must come from Morro Bay or Templeton. When minutes can mean the difference between life and death **SUCH DELAYS ARE UNACCEPTABLE.**

Ballot measure AA-06 will allow the District to increase its full time staff to provide immediate local response of a second ambulance. Approval will raise the yearly assessment on improved property by \$65 and by \$18 on unimproved parcels. This measure must pass by a two-thirds majority to be approved. In the June election the measure failed by only 2.5% or 74 votes.

Make a life saving decision and vote YES on Measure AA-06

s/ Gregory D. Bates
Trustee, Cambria Community Healthcare District
s/ Rosa Lee Cullen
Trustee, Cambria Community Healthcare District
s/ Runo J. Lemming
Trustee, Cambria Community Healthcare District
s/ Ed Hughell
Trustee, Cambria Community Healthcare District
s/ Frank S. Fratto
Trustee, Cambria Community Healthcare District

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE AA-06 WAS SUBMITTED